

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 261-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: October 11, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Subject: Recreation Update

The North Shore Park & Youth Center:

- The Youth Sports Expo was held at the beautiful new North Shore Park & Youth Center Sunday, September 19, 2004 and included paid sponsors. The event drew more than 800 guests. Music, fun and various activities were enjoyed by all. Participants registered for Recreation programs such as Flag Football and Soccer for the Fall sports season. For the first time four (4) sponsors participated.

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- The Miami Beach Sharks traveling baseball team officially moved to their new home at North Shore Park with their first home game Saturday, October 2, 2004. The 11 and 12-year old Sharks opened their 2004-2005 season at Flamingo Park in early August.

The Free Family Funday was held at North Shore Park & Youth Center Saturday, October 2, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Over 550 attendees enjoyed the event that featured free tennis court usage, ceramics, games, dance instruction, basketball shootout, fencing, computer lab instructions, refreshments and a special appearance by our Parks & Recreation mascot.

The new Co-ed Adult Softball League consisting of eight teams comprised from the city employees and residents began play Tuesday, September 28 at Flamingo Park. The teams will play Tuesdays and Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Adult Basketball and Adult Soccer leagues are planned for the coming months.

Six of our athletes took honors in the Special Olympics Local Games for Bowling September 11, 2004 at the Cloverleaf Bowling Lanes in North Miami Beach. Our athletes took three First Place, one Second Place and two Third Place. If our athletes' scores are high enough, they may be invited to bowl in the Special Olympics Fall Classic Competition for Bowling to be held in Bradenton, Florida November 5-6, 2004.

Scott Rakow Youth Center teens participated in the Turtle Walk and Beach Cleanup Day October 2, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Haulover Park.

Scott Rakow Youth Center juniors will participate in an overnight camping experience at Oleta River State Park on November 5 & 6.

Please call the Parks & Recreation Department, 305-673-7730, if we may help you with questions about any of our programs.

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